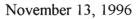
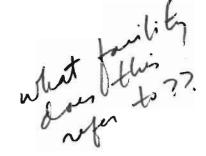
A Waste Management Company

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Dear Ms. Anderson,

This letter is to inform you that on 10/29/96, a relatively small amount of elemental mercury was observed in one of the air ducts underneath the incinerator during a routine cleaning procedure. CET Environmental Services Inc. of Tempe, Arizona, an environmental response services company, was immediately retained for the clean up operation. Approximately, 6 to 9 fluid ounces of mercury was remediated by CET Environmental Service. The waste generated from the clean up will be properly managed as hazardous waste and properly processed/disposed of through an approved facility.

To the best of our knowledge, there was no threat to human health or the environment at any time, however, as a precautionary measure, the employee who identified the mercury was taken to a local medical provider for testing.

Origination of the mercury is unknown at this time. For your information, the overwhelming majority of our customers are composed of doctors and dentists offices, and small clinics. Most of these customers would not be large quantity hazardous waste generators.

WMI Medical Services of Arizona has an extensive waste screening program consisting of the following: 1) A written and verbal notification informing all customers that hazardous waste is not accepted; 2)All container loads are uncovered to visually inspect the loads for any unacceptable wastes. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time in 7 years that such an incident has occurred.

If you have any further questions or comments, please call me at 602-437-4010 or write me at the address above.

Sincerely.

Env. Health and Safety Officer

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